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1. The teaching of languages on the University studies level was formerly part of the curriculum of the University Faculties of Philosophy. Since 1 January 1952 these studies have been excluded from the Philosophy curriculum and incorporated into the courses of the former Institute for Modern Languages. This Institute has now been raised to University status and re-named the State Institute of Languages. 50X1-HUM
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3. Most modern languages are taught in fairly intensive courses at the State Institute of Languages. Of the Slavonic languages, real emphasis is placed only on Russian, while some of the lesser Slavonic languages are not taught at all. The Slavonic studies include a course in Czech which is designed to improve the proletarian vernacular of individuals from the working-class who have been selected for certain government positions. However, Czech grammar is to be simplified in deference to Stalin's demand that language be brought within the reach of the masses. The study of German is now being greatly encouraged by the regime. English, on the other hand, is the object of official hostility and few students now dare to select this language for study. Nevertheless, evening classes in English are the most popular of all courses.

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